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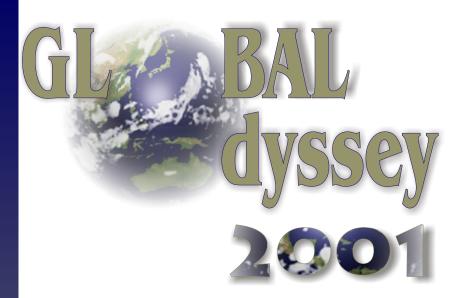
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International Conference on Proticiency Testing for Medical Laboratories **September 23-25, 2001**

Crowne Plaza Ravinia Atlanta, Georgia



PROGRAM—



Sunday, September 23, 2001			18:30 - 21:00		Social Event Guest Speaker: Ronald H. Laessig, PhD,
13:00- 18:00 15:00- 16:30		Registration Welcome and Challenge to Participants Keynote Address: PT: Across Borders and Disciplines Robert Rej, PhD, Wadsworth Center,			State Laboratory of Hygiene University of Wisconsin, USA
			Tuesday, September 25, 2001		
		New York State Department of Health, USA	07:00- 12:00 8:00 - 09:30		Registration Plenary Session
17:30 - 19:30 Monday, September 24, 2001		Poster Session and Mixer			Advances in PT for Cytology Timothy O'Leary, MD, PhD, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology,
07:00- 17:00		Designation			USA
08:00 -09:30 I		Registration Plenary Session nternational PT: Opportunities, Experiences and Challenges Henry Travers, MD, College of American Pathologists (CAP), USA			Advances in PT for Genetic Laboratory Sciences Bradley Popovitch, PhD, Oregon Health Sciences University, USA
		Advances in PT for Microbiology Michael Noble, MD, Clinical Microbiology Proficiency Testing Program The University of British Columbia, Canada			Developing EQA Programs in Resource- Limited Countries Dr. Jane Carter, MBBS, FRCP (c) Head, Laboratory Services African Medical & Research Foundation (AMREF), Kenya
10:00 - 12:00 and		Applications of the Internet to PT David Seccombe, MD, PhD, Canadian External Quality Assessment Laboratory, Canada Concurrent Workgroup Sessions	10:00 - 12:00 and 13:30 - 15:30	Workgroup 4-	Concurrent Workshop Sessions Quality management of PT Programs Chair: Claus Heuck, PhD, World Health Organization (WHO), Switzerland
13:30 - 15:30	Workgroup 1-	Role of PT in Laboratory Quality Management Chair: Jean-Claude Libeer, DrPharm, PhD, Scientific Institute of Public Health, Belgium		Workgroup 5-	How to Assess Laboratory Performance Chair: Daniel Tholen, MS Statistical Consulting, USA
	Workgroup 2-	Alternatives to Traditional PT Chair: Harry Richardson, MD, Ontario Laboratory Proficiency Testing Program, Canada		Workgroup 6-	Developing and Funding PT for Resource-Limited Countries and Regions Chair: Robert Martin, DrPH, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), USA
	Workgroup 3-	International Aspects of PT Programs Chair: Daniel Mazziotta, MD, Programma de Evaluación de Calidad, Argentina	12:00 - 13:30 15:30 - 17:30		Lunch Break Reports from Workgroups/ Reactions and Discussion
12:00 - 13:30		Lunch Break	17:30 - 18:00		Summary and Adjournment
15:30 - 17:30		Reports from Workgroups/Reactions and Discussion	19:00 - 21:00		Optional: Regional Discussion Groups

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Poster Presentations

Posters which focus on efforts to provide PT in a country or region, or which describe efforts to improve processes related to PT of medical laboratories are particularly welcome. Abstracts must be 250 words or less and must be received by July 15, 2001. They can be either submitted online at

 or mailed to Dr. D. Joe Boone at CDC (see Contact and Registration Information below). A space of 1.2 m X 2.4 m (4 ft X 8 ft) will be made available for each poster. The text should be typed in a font size large enough to be easily visible from a distance of 1 m (3 ft).

Conference Location

The Crowne Plaza Ravinia Hotel is located in Northeast Atlanta. It is conveniently reached from Hartsfield International Airport by automobile, airport shuttle, MARTA rapid transit system, or taxi. For more information, visit http://www.crowneplazaravinia.com.

Contact & Registration Information:

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arget Audience This conference is designed to benefit those who



provide proficiency testing (PT)* programs,

participate in quality management of medical laboratories.

provide laboratory accreditation programs,

are interested in developing regional or country specific PT programs, and

have special interest in developing or strengthening international program partnerships and mentoring.

* This term is also known as "external quality assessment" or "external quality assurance" in some circles.

Description

Objectives

Global Odyssey 2001 will be a $2\frac{1}{2}$ day international meeting consisting of invited lecturers, discussion groups, and poster presentations

to explore international advances in PT used in medical laboratories,

to create an opportunity for sharing information and for the development of international partnerships,

to promote quality assurance in medical laboratories to improve global health.

The desired outcome of this conference is improved communication and collaboration nationally and internationally between entities involved in PT programs. Conference proceedings are expected to be published in a peer-reviewed journal, and the presentation materials and poster abstracts will be made available to the international community via the Internet.

To ensure optimal opportunities for dialogue and discussions, the conference is limited to 200 registrants